

# House File 356 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 106)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to procedural requirements for the merger of  
2 state credit unions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 533.401, Code 2019, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Prior to the sending of notice of  
4 balloting for the membership vote on a merger, a merging credit  
5 union shall submit to the superintendent all materials to  
6 be included in the notice at least fifteen days before the  
7 notice is sent to the members. The superintendent shall review  
8 and approve the materials to be included in the notice at  
9 least ten days before the notice is sent to the members. The  
10 superintendent may direct any materials to be included in the  
11 notice of balloting sent to members.

12 Sec. 2. Section 533.401, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended  
13 by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0a. All materials included in the notice of  
15 balloting for the membership vote on the merger were reviewed  
16 and approved by the superintendent pursuant to subsection 1A.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 Current law provides that a state credit union may merge  
21 with another credit union if the merger is pursuant to a plan  
22 agreed upon by a majority of the board of directors of each  
23 credit union joining in the merger and the merger is approved  
24 by a majority vote of the members of the merging credit union.  
25 A merging credit union must provide notice of balloting for  
26 the vote to the members of the merging credit union entitled  
27 to vote on the merger at least 20 days prior to the scheduled  
28 vote.

29 This bill provides that prior to the sending of notice of  
30 balloting for the membership vote on a merger, a merging credit  
31 union shall submit to the superintendent of credit unions  
32 all materials included in the notice at least 15 days before  
33 the notice is sent to the members. The superintendent shall  
34 review and approve the materials to be included in the notice  
35 at least 10 days before the notice is sent to the members. The

1 superintendent may direct any materials to be included in the  
2 notice. The bill provides that the superintendent must review  
3 and approve all materials included in the notice as provided in  
4 the bill, along with other procedural requirements set forth in  
5 Code section 533.401(3), in order to approve a merger.